

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 27-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Granberg (U.S. Patent No. 6,122,510). Applicants respectfully traverse.

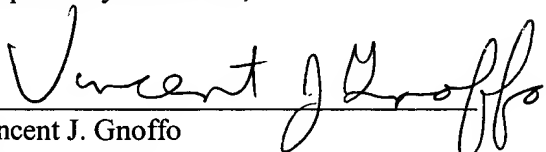
To expedite prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended claims 13 and 20 to include the features of claim 27, which was considered allowable, and to include intervening claims 21 and 24-26. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 13 and 20 as amended be withdrawn.

Claims 14-19 depend from claim 13 and claims 22-23 and 28-29 depend from claim 20, either directly or indirectly, and therefore include all of the features the claims as amended, plus additional features. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 14-19, 22, 23, 28 and 29 also be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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